

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1(currently amended). A package sealing tape comprising:
2 ~~a material~~ **an elongated tape web** having ~~a~~ first and second edge
3 **edges defining tape ends, and lateral edges spaced from** ~~substantially~~
4 ~~perpendicular to~~ a longitudinal axis, said **tape web** ~~material~~ having an adhesive
5 composition on a first side **such that the first side of the tape web can be**
6 **adhered over a line to be sealed, and the tape web having a second side**
7 **opposite from the first side; and**
8 **an elongated filament affixed to the tape web portion along a**
9 **longitudinal line between the lateral edges, the filament being spaced**
10 **from the second side** ~~a slicing means substantially centered in said material~~
11 ~~substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis;~~
12 **wherein the filament has a tensile strength greater than a tearing**
13 **strength of the tape web;**
14 **whereby the filament can be pulled through the tape when**
15 **separating the tape web into strips adhered on opposite sides of the line**
16 **to be sealed.**

1 2(currently amended). The tape as recited in claim 1, further
2 comprising ~~[=]~~ a tab **on the tape web, the tab containing an end of the**
3 **filament and protruding at one of the** ~~on said first and second edges for~~
4 **capturing the end of the filament** ~~edge substantially centered in said material~~
5 ~~with regard to said longitudinal axis.~~

Claim 3 is canceled.

1 4(currently amended). The tape as recited in claim 1, wherein said
2 **tape web comprises a** material ~~is~~ selected from the group consisting of:
3 cellophane, paper.

1 5(currently amended). The tape as recited in claim 1, **wherein**
2 ~~further comprising: a plurality of perforations~~ **are provided in the tape web**
3 **along a line substantially parallel to the filament** ~~positioned substantially~~
4 ~~parallel to said slicing means beginning substantially at and extending a fixed~~
5 ~~distance from said first edge.~~

1 6(currently amended). The tape as recited in claim **5, wherein the**
2 **perforations extend for a fixed distance from one of said first and second**
3 **edges defining the tape ends** ~~1, further comprising: a plurality of perforations~~
4 ~~positioned substantially parallel to said slicing means beginning substantially at~~
5 ~~and extending a fixed distance from said second edge.~~

1 7(currently amended). The tape as recited in claim 5, wherein said
2 ~~fixed distance extends~~ **perforations extend** from substantially said first edge to
3 substantially said second edge.

1 8(original). The tape as recited in claim 1, wherein said adhesive
2 composition is selected from the group consisting of: dry adhesive, wet
3 adhesive.

1 9(currently amended). The tape as recited in claim 1, wherein said
2 **filament** ~~slicing means~~ is selected from the group consisting of: cord, string,
3 **rope,** wire.

1 10(currently amended). The tape as recited in claim 9, wherein **said**
2 **filament comprises** a material ~~for said slicing means~~ is selected from the
3 group consisting of: ~~rope~~, hemp, nylon, metal.

1 11(original). The tape as recited in claim 6, wherein said plurality of
2 perforations are placed adjacent to a first side of said slicing means.

1 12(original). The tape as recited in claim 11, wherein said plurality of
2 perforations are placed adjacent to a second side of said slicing means.

1 13(original). The tape as recited in claim 12, wherein said plurality of
2 perforations alternate between said first and second side.

Claims 14-22 are canceled.